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by deleting the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-101(a), is amended by deleting the phrase "or resulting from exposure to a methamphetamine laboratory or a methamphetamine related fire, explosion, or chemical release," and by adding the following language after "suffocation,":

"or where a wound or injury is reasonably believed to have resulted from exposure to a methamphetamine laboratory or a methamphetamine related fire, explosion, or chemical release,".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-101, is amended by adding the following as new subsections thereto:

(c)

- (1) Where a person acts in good faith in making a report under subsection (a), that person shall be immune from any civil liability and shall have an affirmative defense to any criminal liability arising from that protected activity.
- (2) There exists a rebuttable presumption that a person making a report under subsection (a) is doing so in good faith.
- (d) For purposes of this part, "person" means any individual, firm, partnership, co-partnership, association, corporation, governmental subdivision or agency, or other organization or other legal entity, or any agent, servant, or combination of persons thereof.

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SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-103, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

38-1-103.

- (a) Any person who knowingly fails to make the report required by § 38-1-101 within twenty-four (24) hours of tendering aid for any wound or injury as described in § 38-1-101 commits a Class A misdemeanor.
- (b) Any person in violation of § 38-1-102 commits a Class A misdemeanor.
 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.